



LCDR Snuffy Smith, VA-82 Marauders - 1971



1995 - Adm. Snuffy & Dottie, Naples, Italy

Leighton W. Smith, ADM, USN (Ret.)
 "Snuffy"

Date of Designation: January 1964 NA # V-20663

Dates of Active Duty: June 1962 - October 1996

Total Flight Hours: 4,225

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,035+ Rotary: 25+

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,800 Prop: 350 Helo: 50 VF/VA: 3,800

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Tonkin Gulf 1966, 1967, 1968, 1972 and 1973
 A4C/A7C/A7E - 282 missions.

Aviation Commands:

- CO, VA-86
- COMCVW-15
- COMLATWING 1
- CO, USS America
- COMCARGRU-6

Combat Awards:

- 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
- 29 Air Medals (25 Strike/Flight and 4 Individual)

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/62-9/62 USS Krishna (ARL-38). TEMDU awaiting Flight School.
- 10/62-1/64 Flight School, Student.
- 1/64-1/65 Glyngo, GA. Instructor, Air Intercept Control
- 1/65-7/65 VA-44, Replacement Pilot .
- 8/65-4/66 VA-81, First LT and Personnel Officer.
- 5/66-7/68 VA-22, Personnel Officer, Aircraft Division Officer.
- 8/68-8/70 NAVPRO Dallas. Production Test Pilot, A7C/D/E.

- 9/70-11/70 VA-174, Replacement Pilot.
- 12/70-7/73 VA-82, Maintenance Officer, Operations Officer.
- 8/73-7/74 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell, AFB. Student.
- 8/74-1/75 VA-174, Replacement Pilot.
- 2/75-5/77 VA-86, Executive Officer, Commanding Officer.
- 6/77-8/77 PCAG Training.
- 9/77-11/78 CVW-15, Commander (CAG).
- 12/78-2/80 Navy Military Personnel Command (Code 431), Head Aviation CDR. assignments.
- 2/80-4/81 Light Attack Wing ONE, Cecil Field, FL. Commander.
- 5/81-1/82 Training for Surface Ship Command.
- 1/82-8/83 USS Kalamazoo (AOR-6). Commanding Officer.
- 8/83-1/84 Staff COMNAVAIRLANT, Training and Readiness Officer.
- 2/84-7/85 USS America (CV-66). Commanding Officer
- 8/85-5/86 Strategic Studies Group, Newport, RI. CNO Fellow.
- 6/86-2/88 OPNAV Code 953, Director, Tactical Readiness.
- 3/88-7/89 Carrier Battle Group SIX. Commander.
- 8/89-5/91 CINCUSEUR Staff, Stuttgart, Germany. Director for Operations (J3).
- 6/91-3/94 OPNAV Code N3/N5. DCNO for Plans, Policy and Operations.
- 4/94-7/96 CINCUSNAVEUR/CINCAFSOUTH and COMIFOR.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Led flight that finally dropped the Than Hoa bridge, October 1972.
- (2) Developed/edited Navy post cold war strategy "...From the Sea."

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) Directed NATO air strikes in support of UN forces in Bosnia.
- (4) Planned and led NATO's first ever out of area ground operations as Commander Implementation Force (COMINFOR) from December 1995 - August 1996.



ADM Snuffy at Bosnia news conference.

Post-retirement

Admiral Smith retired from the U.S. Navy on 1 October 1996. He is currently serving as a Senior Fellow at the Center for Naval Analysis, is President of Leighton Smith Associates and Vice President of Global Perspectives, Inc., both international consulting firms. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, Vice Chairman of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation and serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of Naval Aviation. He is also on the National Advisory Council to the Navy League, the Board of Trustees of the Naval Academy Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors of several corporations.